

**CORRESPONDENCE
IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2006**

I. MAYOR

- *1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Presents Award Of Excellence For December - (See Release)
- *2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Seng Welcomes Novartis Expansion -(See Release)
- *3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Human Rights Commission Premieres Show On 5 City-TV- (See Release)
- *4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Second Open House Planned On Stormwater Drainage Improvements -(See Release)
- *5. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Save Money - Use E-Bill Option To Pay City Water and Wastewater Bills -(See Release)

II. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/BUDGET

- *1. Material from Steve Hubka - RE: City Sales Tax Reports for January, State Report for January - (See Material)

FINANCE/CITY TREASURER

- *1. Monthly City Cash Report & Pledged Collateral Statement for December 2005 - (See Report)

PLANNING

- *1. Letter from Tom Cajka to Lyle Loth, ESP - RE: Boulder Ridge Final Plat #05076 -Generally located at S. 84th St. & Pine Lake Rd. -(See Letter)

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

- *1. Public Works & Utilities ADVISORY - RE: Pine Lake Road Widening - Project #700014 - 40th - 61st Streets - 56th Street; Shadow Pines-Thompson Creek -(See Advisory)

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP

- *1. E-Mail from Jon Camp to Karl Fredrickson - RE: N. 48th - Dick Hartsock - (See E-Mail)

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN

- 1. Request to Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director - RE: Center lanes being painted on bike trails (RFI#2 - 11/09/05). - **[RECEIVED RESPONSE TO RFI#2 FROM LYNN JOHNSON, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR AT THE DIRECTORS' MEETING ON 01/23/06.]**
- 2. Request to Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: Requesting copy of letter sent out to businesses & families recently put in the floodprone (RFI#3-01/26/06)

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

- *1. E-Mail from Dave Oenbring - RE: The Union Conspiracy Against Wal-Mart Workers - (Council received copies of this E-Mail on 1/23/06 before Formal Council Meeting.)(See E-Mail)

- *2. Letter from Heathrow Development, LLC - RE: K Street Complex Purchase Agreement -(Council received their copies of this Letter on 1/23/06 during the Formal Council Meeting) (See Letter)
- *3. E-Mail from Laurie Colburn - RE: Colburn Water Damage - Jan. 23rd Meeting - (See E-Mail)
- *4. E-Mail from Jeanette Smith - RE: City Council Meeting Jan. 23rd - (See E-Mail)
- *5. Response E-Mail from Jeanette Smith to Marvin Krout - RE: City Council Meeting Jan. 23rd - (See E-Mail)
- *6. E-Mail from Ron Robinson - RE: LES - PCA - (See E-Mail)
- *7. Letter On behalf of the M Class employees, Steven Huggenberger & Richard Anderson - RE: M Class salaries - (See Letter)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER UNTIL FEBRUARY 6, 2006.**

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CITY OF LINCOLN
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NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 23, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

MAYOR PRESENTS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR DECEMBER

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for December to Deanna Nathan of the Lincoln Police Department (LPD). The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting.

Nathan has been a Public Services Specialist at the LPD Service Desk for almost ten years. She was nominated in the category of valor by Cheri Marti, Service Desk Manager, for her actions in dealing with a phone call November 16. The caller said a friend had left a voice mail about 30 minutes earlier saying she had taken pills to end her life. The caller knew only that the friend lived in the area of 25th and "R" streets. A quick computer check on the name showed only a home residence in Iowa. The caller thought the friend had recently been at a local hospital. Nathan contacted the specific ward, but was unable to get a current address because of hospital policy. Nathan then called the UNL Police Department, which did have the woman listed as a student.

As Nathan quickly entered a call for service to the address, she also dialed the woman's number and made contact with her. The woman seemed to be falling in and out of consciousness and admitted she had taken some over-the-counter sleeping pills. Nathan kept the conversation going until Lincoln Fire and Rescue responded, and when she heard responders banging on the door, she encouraged the woman to let them in. The woman was hesitant, but Nathan reassured her that they were there to help. At that point, the woman indicated the door was unlocked. Once crews entered, Nathan encouraged the woman to call out so she could be located. She was found and taken to the hospital. Officer Ray Kansier witnessed Nathan's response and immediately documented her outstanding work, which may have saved the woman's life. Marti said Nathan has a reputation for common sense and for being calm and efficient during crises. As a footnote, Marti said LPD and the hospital were able to come up with a more effective way to deal with such emergencies.

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, safety, loss prevention and productivity. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected officials and some managers. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public.

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Nomination forms are available from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program. All nominations are reviewed by the Mayor's Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a \$100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a \$500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 26, 2006

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Mark Bowen, Mayor's Office, 441-7511

Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

MAYOR SENG WELCOMES NOVARTIS EXPANSION

"I am very pleased to celebrate the expansion of Novartis," said Mayor Coleen J. Seng on the announcement by Novartis that it will expand its plant and add 100 professional jobs. Mayor Seng is co-chair of the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development. "I am especially pleased that this manufacturing expansion signals the firm's commitment to Lincoln as a great place to do business." Lincoln provides water and wastewater services to the Novartis plant.

"Novartis recognizes the power of the 'L' Factor," said Seng. "We have already had conversations with Novartis about their needs, and I am committed to helping them continue to add jobs and expand here. The Lincoln area truly is the 'community of opportunity.' Lincoln is a vibrant, exciting city with good services, great schools, clean air and a low crime rate. The quality of life and the quality of our workforce are second to none. Novartis has been a good corporate citizen for more than 40 years in Lincoln. We welcome the addition of about 100 new professional scientific and manufacturing jobs at the plant.

"I continue to encourage everyone to boast about Lincoln and Lancaster County every day because we have a lot to be proud of. Lincoln ranks high on the *Forbes* magazine list of places for business and high on the *Expansion Magazine* list of best places in the U.S. to locate a company."



NEWS RELEASE

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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441-7625, fax 441-6937, TDD 441-8398

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 26, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Larry Williams, Human Rights, 441-8691
Sandi Moody, Human Rights, 441-7625
Bill Luxford, 5 CITY-TV, 441-6688

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION PREMIERES SHOW ON 5 CITY-TV

A television program sponsored by the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights (LCHR) will have its first showing at 7 p.m. Friday, January 27 on 5 CITY-TV, the government access cable television channel. "LCHR: Addressing Discrimination in Lincoln, Nebraska" will address issues of concern to Lincoln's diverse residents.

"It's important to let people know that the City of Lincoln has a local agency ready and able to investigate complaints of discrimination," said LCHR Executive Director Larry Williams. "With this program, we hope to create more awareness of our agency and its mission and to educate the public about issues that make a difference in their lives."

The program also is scheduled to air Mondays at noon, Tuesdays at 5 p.m., Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays at 2 p.m., Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. and Sundays at 8:30 p.m. (Showings may occasionally be pre-empted by public meeting coverage.)



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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
555 South 10th Street., Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7548, fax 441-8609

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 25, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Craig Aldridge, Engineering Services, 441-7560
Katie Tauer, E&A Consulting Group, 420-7217

SECOND OPEN HOUSE PLANNED **ON STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

The public is invited to a second open house Thursday, February 2 to discuss proposed stormwater drainage improvements in central Lincoln. The informal meeting is set for 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ School, 3234 South 37th Street.

The project includes improvements that will be made to the existing storm drainage system which begins at South Street between 37th and 38th streets. The system continues south past Van Dorn Street, west onto Otoe Street and then south through Pawnee, Melrose and High streets. The project will add capacity to the stormwater system with the installation of new pipes and inlets. The project is now in the design phase. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2006 and take four to five months to complete.

At the open house, the project design team will be available to answer questions, and those attending will have the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed improvements.

For more information on the open house, the public can call Katie Tauer at the E&A Consulting Group, Inc., 420-7217. More information on this and other City Public Works and Utilities construction projects is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov.



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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Lincoln Water System, 555 S. 10th St., Ste. 203, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7548, fax 441-8609

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 26, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Margaret Remmenga, Public Works and Utilities, 441-7548

Terry Lowe, Information Services, 441-7113

SAVE MONEY -- USE E-BILL OPTION TO PAY CITY WATER AND WASTEWATER BILLS

Lincoln customers who pay their water and wastewater bills online can now save money with a new e-billing option. By agreeing to have their bills sent to them by e-mail, customers save the two-dollar processing fee now charged for paying bills online. Most customers are billed every other month, and high-usage non-residential customers are billed monthly.

With e-billing, water/wastewater customers now have two main options for receiving their bills:

- Those receiving paper bills through the mail may pay online through the City Web site (lincoln.ne.gov) and are charged a two-dollar processing fee. Those receiving paper bills also have several options for paying without an added fee: by mail; through automatic bank withdrawal; or in person at the County-City Building, 555 South 10th, and the Lincoln Electric System, 1040 "O" Street.
- If bills are received online, no paper bills are mailed. Customers are notified through their e-mail accounts that their bills are available for online payment. The customer must agree to make payments using VISA or MasterCard in order to have the two-dollar online processing fee waived.

"We are able to waive the fee because e-billing saves us paper, postage and processing time," said Margaret Remmenga, Business Manager for the City Public Works and Utilities Department. "We are excited to offer the option of paperless bills for our water and wastewater customers, and we expect a great response from those who are willing to enroll in the e-mail notification process." Remmenga said about 50 customers have already signed up for e-billing.

To begin using the new e-bill/e-pay system, customers must enroll through lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: EPAY). Click on "Water/Wastewater Bills," then follow the instructions under "Enrollment/Logging into e-Billing." Once customers are enrolled, they may pay online immediately. E-billing will begin with the next billing cycle. To find out more about paying options, call the Lincoln Water and Wastewater System business office at 441-7551.

Citizens have been able to make online payments for many City and County services for several years. Parking tickets, animal license renewals, property taxes, event parking and criminal history checks may all be paid for or purchased online at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: EPAY).

Steve D Hubka/Notes

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Subject City Sales Tax reports for January, State report for January

I have attached the January sales tax reports, which cover sales through the month of November. As you will see, it was not a good month as we were well below projections for the month. Next month's refunds (remember that we get refunds one month in advance) will be about \$321,000 less than last year. I hope that this helps us gain on things somewhat.

I have been asked recently why the State seems to be doing so well and we are not. I have also attached the State Department of Revenue's monthly press release which explains it well. It was not in sales tax collections. On the second page I have circled a few numbers showing that the State too, did not have a good month for sales tax collections. Both gross and net receipts were below projections by several million dollars. Because the state has several sizable revenue sources, shortfalls from one source can be offset by better than expected receipts in other areas. For this month, Corporate Income Tax collections were \$22.4 million over projections, which of course made the overall results for the month look good for the State.

For our fiscal year, my calculations show that the state sales tax gross is up 3.4% while Lincoln's is up 1.32%. Our numbers are not very good, but the State's are not all that great either. So my point is that the state will not be cutting taxes because their sales tax receipts are so good but because other sources

of revenue have been providing the cushion they have been enjoying.   BFb060125-1.pdf BFb060125-2 .pdf

  
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**Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2005-06 PROJECTED	2005-06 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FR. 04-05	% CHANGE FR. 04-05
SEPTEMBER	\$4,521,210	\$4,549,328	\$28,118	\$37,025	0.82%
OCTOBER	\$4,738,362	\$4,464,503	(\$273,859)	(\$76,968)	-1.69%
NOVEMBER	\$4,743,930	\$4,625,303	(\$118,627)	\$39,042	0.85%
DECEMBER	\$4,420,986	\$4,505,085	\$84,099	\$330,257	7.91%
JANUARY	\$4,632,570	\$4,073,189	(\$559,381)	\$30,145	0.75%
FEBRUARY	\$5,740,599				
MARCH	\$4,191,410				
APRIL	\$3,957,554				
MAY	\$4,620,145				
JUNE	\$4,464,241				
JULY	\$4,536,625				
AUGUST	\$4,837,297				
TOTAL	\$55,404,929	\$22,217,409	(\$839,649)	\$359,502	1.64%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2000-2001 THROUGH 2005-2006**

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2004-2005	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$3,758,935	\$3,844,150	\$4,239,938	\$4,453,875	5.05%	\$4,648,160	4.36%	\$4,630,210	-0.39%
OCTOBER	\$4,273,028	\$4,116,763	\$4,464,191	\$4,670,587	4.62%	\$4,706,690	0.77%	\$4,823,369	2.48%
NOVEMBER	\$4,060,765	\$4,125,824	\$4,407,744	\$4,526,166	2.69%	\$4,687,792	3.57%	\$4,799,275	2.38%
DECEMBER	\$3,824,569	\$3,855,906	\$4,034,958	\$4,314,111	6.92%	\$4,500,338	4.32%	\$4,511,403	0.25%
JANUARY	\$3,968,572	\$4,140,990	\$4,046,633	\$4,335,924	7.15%	\$4,264,010	-1.66%	\$4,342,902	1.85%
FEBRUARY	\$4,895,886	\$4,982,568	\$5,224,986	\$5,531,405	5.86%	\$6,086,841	10.04%		
MARCH	\$3,731,090	\$3,908,567	\$4,076,943	\$3,980,041	-2.38%	\$4,158,874	4.49%		
APRIL	\$3,126,694	\$3,641,403	\$3,711,803	\$3,889,388	4.78%	\$4,097,988	5.36%		
MAY	\$4,061,857	\$3,949,873	\$4,184,028	\$4,602,788	10.01%	\$4,730,317	2.77%		
JUNE	\$3,741,325	\$3,856,119	\$4,169,550	\$4,599,245	10.31%	\$4,557,735	-0.90%		
JULY	\$3,804,895	\$4,033,350	\$4,105,554	\$4,391,257	6.96%	\$4,519,466	2.92%		
AUGUST	\$4,093,476	\$4,231,174	\$4,402,156	\$4,893,438	11.16%	\$4,803,665	-1.83%		
TOTAL	\$47,341,091	\$48,686,688	\$51,068,484	\$54,188,225	6.11%	\$55,761,877	2.90%	\$23,107,160	1.32%

Year to date vs.
previous year

**CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2000-2001 THROUGH 2005-2006**

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2004-2005	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$472,215)	(\$646,545)	(\$48,531)	(\$69,997)	44.23%	(\$135,858)	94.09%	(\$80,882)	-40.47%
OCTOBER	(\$127,363)	(\$379,290)	(\$64,605)	(\$110,193)	70.56%	(\$165,219)	49.94%	(\$358,866)	117.21%
NOVEMBER	(\$448,872)	(\$132,336)	(\$134,088)	(\$219,454)	63.66%	(\$101,531)	-53.73%	(\$173,972)	71.35%
DECEMBER	(\$193,085)	(\$240,014)	(\$177,459)	(\$390,445)	120.02%	(\$325,510)	-16.63%	(\$6,319)	-98.06%
JANUARY	(\$352,999)	(\$74,082)	(\$306,467)	(\$59,315)	-80.65%	(\$220,967)	272.53%	(\$269,713)	22.06%
FEBRUARY	(\$115,206)	(\$509,277)	(\$61,404)	(\$323,218)	426.38%	(\$394,324)	22.00%	(\$73,395)	-81.39%
MARCH	(\$303,779)	(\$428,507)	(\$17,601)	(\$22,759)	29.30%	(\$99,240)	336.05%		
APRIL	(\$478,438)	(\$333,878)	(\$281,861)	(\$199,018)	-29.39%	(\$69,900)	-64.88%		
MAY	(\$79,461)	(\$176,292)	(\$275,081)	(\$155,787)	-43.37%	(\$122,283)	-21.51%		
JUNE	(\$47,618)	(\$127,168)	(\$138,914)	(\$194,593)	40.08%	(\$34,811)	-82.11%		
JULY	(\$235,932)	(\$181,863)	(\$563,339)	(\$42,086)	-92.53%	(\$162,998)	287.30%		
AUGUST	\$0	(\$63,949)	(\$341,868)	(\$531,884)	55.58%	(\$148,028)	-72.17%		
TOTAL	(\$2,854,968)	(\$3,293,201)	(\$2,411,218)	(\$2,318,751)	-3.83%	(\$1,980,668)	-14.58%	(\$963,147)	-28.31%

Year to date vs.
previous year

**CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2000-2001 THROUGH 2005-2006**

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2004-2005	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$3,286,720	\$3,197,606	\$4,191,407	\$4,383,878	4.59%	\$4,512,303	2.93%	\$4,549,328	0.82%
OCTOBER	\$4,145,665	\$3,737,474	\$4,399,587	\$4,560,394	3.66%	\$4,541,471	-0.41%	\$4,464,503	-1.69%
NOVEMBER	\$3,611,894	\$3,993,488	\$4,273,655	\$4,306,712	0.77%	\$4,586,261	6.49%	\$4,625,303	0.85%
DECEMBER	\$3,631,485	\$3,615,893	\$3,857,499	\$3,923,666	1.72%	\$4,174,828	6.40%	\$4,505,085	7.91%
JANUARY	\$3,615,574	\$4,066,908	\$3,740,166	\$4,276,609	14.34%	\$4,043,044	-5.46%	\$4,073,189	0.75%
FEBRUARY	\$4,780,680	\$4,473,291	\$5,163,582	\$5,208,187	0.86%	\$5,692,517	9.30%		
MARCH	\$3,427,311	\$3,480,060	\$4,059,342	\$3,957,283	-2.51%	\$4,059,634	2.59%		
APRIL	\$2,648,256	\$3,307,525	\$3,429,942	\$3,690,371	7.59%	\$4,028,088	9.15%		
MAY	\$3,982,395	\$3,773,581	\$3,908,947	\$4,447,001	13.76%	\$4,608,034	3.62%		
JUNE	\$3,693,707	\$3,728,951	\$4,030,637	\$4,404,651	9.28%	\$4,522,924	2.69%		
JULY	\$3,568,964	\$3,851,488	\$3,542,215	\$4,349,171	22.78%	\$4,356,468	0.17%		
AUGUST	\$4,093,476	\$4,167,224	\$4,060,288	\$4,361,554	7.42%	\$4,655,637	6.74%		
TOTAL	\$44,486,126	\$45,393,489	\$48,657,267	\$51,869,477	6.60%	\$53,781,209	3.69%	\$22,217,408	1.64%
									Year to date vs. previous year

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 9, 2006

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary J. Egr Edson, State Tax Commissioner

402/471-5604

David Dearmont, Administrator

402/471-5700

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS -- DECEMBER, 2005

LINCOLN -- State Tax Commissioner Mary J. Egr Edson reported Monday that total gross General Fund receipts for the month of December, the sixth month of fiscal year 2005-06 were \$324,640,279. That is 6.7 percent above the projected amount of \$304,222,000. For the month of December, gross Individual Income, Corporate Income and Miscellaneous taxes exceeded projections by 1.6, 66.6 and 13.3 percent, respectively.

Total refunds for the month of December were \$35,633,094 which is 3.7 percent below the projected amount of \$36,998,000.

Egr Edson also said that net General Fund receipts were above projections for the month of December by \$21,783,185. After refunds, total net receipts for the month were \$289,007,185, or 8.2 percent above the projected amount of \$267,224,000. For the month of December, net Individual Income, Corporate Income, and Miscellaneous taxes were above forecast by 2.2, 81.2 and 13.4 percent, respectively.

Egr Edson also said that net receipts were ahead of projections for the first half of fiscal year 2005-06 by \$120,821,729. After refunds, total net receipts for the fiscal year through December are \$1,595,967,729, which is above the projected total of \$1,475,922,000 by 8.2 percent. For the year to date, net General Fund receipts for Individual Income, Corporate Income and Miscellaneous taxes were above the forecast by 2.8, 66.5 and 55.3 percent, respectively.

The comparisons in this report are based on the forecast made by the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board on April 28, 2005. This forecast was adjusted for legislation passed by the 2005 Legislature, divided into monthly estimates, and certified to the Clerk of the Legislature by the State Tax Commissioner and Legislative Fiscal Analyst on July 13, 2005. The Forecasting Board met on October 28, 2005 and revised the forecast for the current fiscal year upward by \$159.7 million from \$3,092,258,000 to \$3,252,300,000. By law, only downward revisions to the forecast are certified, thus the comparisons made in this release are made on the basis of the April 2005 certified forecast.

APPROVED:

Mary J. Egr Edson

State Tax Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Research Division

Comparison of Actual and Projected General Fund Receipts for Fiscal

Year 2005-2006

	TOTAL ACTUAL NET RECEIPTS	TOTAL PROJECTED NET RECEIPTS	DIFFERENCE	PERCENT DIFFERENCE	CUMULATIVE ACTUAL NET RECEIPTS	CUMULATIVE PROJECTED NET RECEIPTS	CUMULATIVE DIFFERENCE	CUMULATIVE PERCENT DIFFERENCE
July	\$189,050,265	\$178,931,000	10,119,265	5.7	\$189,050,265	\$178,931,000	10,119,265	5.7
August	331,163,981	287,204,000	43,959,981	15.3	520,214,246	466,135,000	54,079,246	11.6
September	324,564,089	292,895,000	31,669,089	10.8	844,778,335	759,030,000	85,748,335	11.3
October	199,817,103	192,215,000	7,602,103	4.0	1,044,595,438	951,245,000	93,350,438	9.8
November	259,701,351	256,677,000	3,024,351	1.2	1,304,296,789	1,207,922,000	96,374,789	8.0
December	289,007,185	267,224,000	21,783,185	8.2	1,595,967,729	1,475,146,000	120,821,729	8.2

Comparison of Actual and Projected General Fund Receipts by Major Source for December 2005 and Cumulative Fiscal Year 2005-2006

	DECEMBER ACTUAL	DECEMBER PROJECTED*	DIFFERENCE	PERCENT DIFFERENCE	CUMULATIVE ACTUAL	CUMULATIVE PROJECTED*	CUMULATIVE DIFFERENCE	CUM PE DIFF
GROSS RECEIPTS								
Sales & Use Tax	\$128,891,293	\$133,687,000	(\$4,795,707)	(3.6)	\$799,194,752	\$800,147,000	(\$952,248)	
Ind Income Tax	125,019,861	122,997,000	2,022,861	1.6	720,490,446	700,468,000	20,022,446	
Corp Income Tax	52,705,672	31,631,000	21,074,672	66.6	138,729,022	95,280,000	43,449,022	
Misc Taxes	18,023,454	15,907,000	2,116,454	13.3	144,605,450	93,452,000	51,153,450	
Total Gross	\$324,640,279	\$304,222,000	\$20,418,279	6.7	\$1,803,019,671	\$1,689,348,000	\$113,671,671	
REFUNDS								
Total Refunds	\$35,633,094	\$36,998,000	(\$1,364,906)	(3.7)	\$207,051,941	\$214,201,000	(\$7,149,059)	
NET RECEIPTS								
Sales & Use Tax	\$97,219,389	\$102,727,000	(\$5,507,611)	(5.4)	\$625,213,788	\$625,192,000	\$21,788	
Ind Income Tax	123,717,571	121,030,000	2,687,571	2.2	700,055,464	681,139,000	18,916,464	
Corp Income	50,185,393	27,697,000	22,488,393	81.2	126,455,064	75,944,000	50,511,064	

Tax								
Misc Taxes	17,884,832	15,770,000	2,114,832	13.4	144,243,414	92,872,000	51,371,414	
Total Net	\$289,007,185	\$267,224,000	\$21,783,185	8.2	\$1,595,967,729	\$1,475,146,000	\$120,821,729	

**The projected amounts used in this comparison were set at the April 28, 2005 meeting of the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board.*

OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

JANUARY 23, 2006

TO: MAYOR COLEEN SENG & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER

SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business December 31, 2005:

Balance Forward	\$	\$223,125,441.41
Plus Total Debits December 1-31, 2005	\$	\$23,758,367.27
Less Total Credits December 1-31, 2005	\$	(\$33,406,383.95)
Cash Balance on December 31, 2005	\$	\$213,477,424.73

I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you.

U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A.	\$	\$437,573.40
Wells Fargo Bank	\$	(\$51,315.01)
Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account	\$	\$1,267.42
Cornhusker Bank	\$	(\$3,301.94)
Pinnacle Bank	\$	(\$9,982.21)
Union Bank & Trust Company	\$	\$139,532.92
West Gate Bank	\$	(\$65,562.54)
Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool	\$	\$34,894,408.10
Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool	\$	\$177,404,068.91
Cash, Checks and Warrants	\$	\$730,735.68
Total Cash on Hand December 31, 2005	\$	\$213,477,424.73

The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments' notification to the City Treasurer's office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer's bank account balances at month end.

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of \$25,302,896.06 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

ATTEST:

Joan E. Ross
Joan E. Ross, City Clerk



Melinda J. Jones
Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer

CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT

DECEMBER 2005

DESCRIPTION	CUSIP	MATURITY DATE	ORIGINAL FACE	CURRENT PAR	MARKET PRICE	MARKET VALUE
FHLMC FGLMC D67795	3128F7U06	12/01/09	\$1,191,991.00	\$74,319.40	1.06	\$78,624.33
FHLMC GOLD POOL B13665	312966CA0	04/01/19	\$10,000,000.00	\$8,487,011.20	0.96	\$8,107,012.91
FHLMC FGTV C90689	31335HXS7	07/01/23	\$11,150,000.00	\$8,790,906.64	0.96	\$8,437,347.80
FNMA FNCL 254725	31371K4J7	05/01/33	\$500,000.00	\$342,207.41	0.97	\$333,129.78
FNMA FNCL 254592	31371KXV8	12/01/32	\$3,100,000.00	\$1,811,789.08	0.97	\$1,764,653.57
FNMA FNARM 303824	31373UPH4	07/01/25	\$1,600,000.00	\$45,314.30	1.02	\$46,348.26
FNMA FNCL 538363	31385AB89	04/01/30	\$550,000.00	\$29,889.13	1.07	\$31,940.23
FNMA FNCL 682970	31400BW77	02/01/18	\$7,100,000.00	\$4,023,075.49	0.98	\$3,926,601.73
FNMA POOL 725772	31402DJR2	09/01/34	\$8,500,000.00	\$7,147,261.21	0.97	\$6,946,775.53
FNMA FNARM 764364	31404CFD7	06/01/34	\$9,943,084.00	\$8,272,553.02	0.97	\$8,021,912.86
FNMA FNARM 768922	31404HG78	06/01/34	\$4,400,000.00	\$3,845,778.99	0.97	\$3,731,024.41
FNMA FNCL 805211	31406BR85	01/01/35	\$3,520,000.00	\$3,399,673.38	0.95	\$3,213,700.70
GNMA-2 G2JO 3156	36202DQH7	11/20/16	\$2,550,000.00	\$714,325.61	1.01	\$723,617.91
GNMA-2 G2JO 3194	36202DRP8	02/20/17	\$4,130,000.00	\$1,420,445.52	1.01	\$1,438,843.98
USBANK NE			\$68,235,075.00	\$48,404,550.38		\$46,801,534.00
FNCL 535771 6.00%	31384WFL9	02/01/31	\$8,200,000.00	\$1,001,847.47		\$1,014,582.29
FNCL 323605 6.50%	31374TNW5	03/01/29	\$2,400,000.00	\$163,770.12		\$168,702.70
FNCL 323715 6%	31374TSC4	05/01/29	\$10,500,000.00	\$1,192,744.03		\$1,207,905.40
FNCL 545277 6.00%	31385HXE7	11/01/31	\$5,400,000.00	\$629,064.31		\$636,479.33
FNCL 555285 6.00%	31385W2S7	03/01/33	\$17,005,000.00	\$4,082,889.11		\$4,128,659.68
FNCL 615057 6.00%	31388UJA9	01/01/32	\$5,000,000.00	\$938,164.05		\$949,222.55
FNCL 622169 6.00%	31389DFJ1	12/01/31	\$2,200,000.00	\$293,503.83		\$296,963.47
FNCL 666295 6.00%	31391GGC4	11/01/32	\$8,650,000.00	\$1,152,444.69		\$1,165,363.99
FNCL 704870 6.00%	31401DCF6	02/01/33	\$975,000.00	\$237,485.83		\$240,148.13
FNCL 725610 5.50%	31402DDP2	06/01/34	\$4,160,000.00	\$3,074,860.73		\$3,047,685.93
FNCL 729001 5.50%	31402G3J0	08/01/33	\$2,050,000.00	\$1,393,622.04		\$1,384,915.18
FNCL 759855 5.50%	31403WE45	02/01/34	\$1,250,000.00	\$872,811.68		\$866,410.93
FNCL 773591 5.50%	31404NNG7	07/01/34	\$11,600,000.00	\$8,381,738.46		\$8,307,689.91
G2SF 3274 6.50%	36202DT76	08/20/32	\$30,800,000.00	\$3,686,200.36		\$3,825,331.90
GNSF 781210 6.50%	36225BKX5	09/15/29	\$8,700,000.00	\$778,949.89		\$815,454.92
WELLS FARGO BANK NE			\$118,890,000.00	\$27,880,086.60		\$28,055,516.31
FHLB 4.00	3133XAT56	03/10/08	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00		
FHLB 5.375%	3133MEU66	05/15/06	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00		
UNION BANK			\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00		
FHLB BOND 3.05%	3133XAX63	03/28/07	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00		
FHLB 3.07%	3133MYND5	02/22/07	\$2,300,000.00	\$2,300,000.00		
FHLB 2.0%	31339YVN9	02/14/06	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00		
CORNHUSKER BANK			\$8,300,000.00	\$8,300,000.00		
FHLB STEP UP 2.4%	31339XUE2	01/09/09	\$2,000,000.00			
FHLB STEP-UP 2.125%	31339YDB5	07/23/09	\$2,000,000.00			
WEST GATE BANK			\$4,000,000.00			
FHLBANK TOPEKA LOC	LOC #6588	03/24/06	\$2,100,000.00			
FHLBANK TOPEKA LOC	LOC #6583	03/23/06	\$2,000,000.00			
TIER ONE BANK			\$4,100,000.00			



CITY OF LINCOLN NEBRASKA

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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January 24, 2006

Lyle Loth
ESP
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Lincoln, NE 68512

RE: Boulder Ridge Final Plat #05076 Generally located at S.84th St.
and Pine Lake Rd.

Dear Lyle:

Boulder Ridge generally located northeast of S. 84th St. and Pine Lake Rd. was approved by the Planning Director on January 20, 2006. The plat and the subdivision agreement must be recorded in the Register of Deeds. The fee is determined at \$.50 per **existing** lot and per **new** lot and \$20.00 per plat sheet for the plat, and \$.50 per **new** lot and \$5.00 per page for associated documents such as the subdivision agreement. If you have a question about the fees, please contact the Register of Deeds. Please make check payable to the Lancaster County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds requests a list of all new lots and blocks created by the plat be attached to the subdivision agreement so the agreement can be recorded on each new lot.

Pursuant to § 26.11.060(d) of the Lincoln Municipal Code, this approval may be appealed to the Planning Commission and any decision of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a letter of appeal within 14 days of the action being appealed. The plat will be recorded with the Register of Deeds after the appeal period has lapsed (date + 14 days), and the recording fee and signed subdivision agreement have been received.

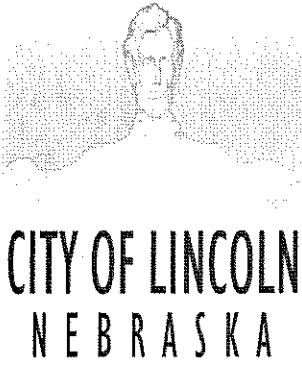
Sincerely,

Tom Cajka
Planner

CC: Glen Herbert
City Council
Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities
Terry Kathe, Building & Safety
Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric
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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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January 20, 2006

Pine Lake Road Widening - Project #700014 40th - 61st Streets 56th Street; Shadow Pines - Thompson Creek

The City of Lincoln's contract with Constructors Inc. for the reconstruction of Pine Lake Road from the west side of 56th Street east to approximately So. 61st Street and then So. 56th 1/4 mile north and south of the Pine Lake Road is going to begin again the week of January 23rd, weather permitting. This project will widen the roadways from two lanes to four lanes with a raised median, turn lanes, relocate water mains, some sidewalks, storm sewers, traffic signals and street lights. This is the second year of this project with the portion west of 56th completed late last fall. The following is the current planned general phasing for traffic operation and access to the area:

***** GRADING TO START THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23,2006 *****

Work will begin in Pine Lake Road from east of So.56th Street to So.61st Street the week of January 23rd. The box culvert east of the intersection of 56th has been completed and the grading and removals will begin. After the grading is completed, utility work and subsequently the roadway will be paved to approximately 61st Street. Anticipated completion of this phase is June, 2006.

When the paving from 56th to 61st is complete and local access is restored to the east, work will begin in 56th and east/west traffic on Pine Lake Road at the 56th Street intersection will be removed so that the work in 56th can be completed. Anticipated completion of the work in 56th Street is late fall of 2006.

This letter is also a reminder that if you have fences or landscaping which you want to save please plan to relocate them as soon as practical to avoid any unwanted damage. The Contractor will not be responsible for items that are within the easements once he starts work. Often work by utility companies and the Contractor's work that does not affect traffic flow may not follow the above described general phasing.

Property owners along Pine Lake Road from 56th to 61st street may notice a temporary drive east of 59th street, on the north side of Pine Lake Rd. This will be your temporary access during the construction period of the Pine Lake Rd. Also your mail boxes will moved to a temporary location at approximately 63rd street by the group home or you can make arraignments to pick up your mail at the Post Office at Red Rock Rd.

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If you have problems or questions during the construction period, please contact; Eric Anderson or Steve Samuelson with Constructors Inc, at 434-1764, or the City of Lincoln project manager for additional information

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Subject Fw: N 48th--Dick Hartsock

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01/25/2006 12:18 PM

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Subject N 48th--Dick Hartsock

Karl:

I met with Dick Hartsock this morning and reviewed his concerns on the proposed alternatives for entries onto his property and to the adjoining businesses and potential developments.

Dick voiced concerns that he is being squeezed when, in fact, he has tried to cooperate in design alternatives. Dick will be in Lincoln through tomorrow, Thursday. I told him I would contact you and share my concerns.

In particular, I know street construction needs to proceed quickly. I have not been privy to designs of potential projects and therefore cannot fully understand the design alternative rationales. However, common sense needs to dictate and one property owner should not bear the full cost or burden to facilitate other property owners. From plans I viewed at Dick's office, it appears that a great deal of consideration is being given to Schafer's TV and Appliance to facilitate a new building very close to 48th Street, and to possible development to the South to O Street. Much of this makes sense, but equity must be maintained for Dick as well as Armstrong Furniture. It appears that Armstrong could become something of an appendage with great difficulty to reach.

Again, I am writing from a difficult perspective because no one has share any information. Perhaps the starting point is to share this information on a confidential basis with the elected officials.

Thank you for your ear (and eyes).

Jon

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Subject Fw: The Union Conspiracy Against Wal-Mart Workers

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01/23/2006 09:59 AM

To council <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

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Subject The Union Conspiracy Against Wal-Mart Workers

Dear Council Members,

After reading this article I have to wonder if the Mayor's opposition to Wal-Mart doesn't stem more from her loyalty to the unions responsible for her and her predecessor's election than from any sound land use principles.

I found this piece to be educational and enlightening and hope you do as well.

Dave Oenbring
Lincoln, NE
402-474-4300

[IMAGE]

The Union Conspiracy Against Wal-Mart Workers

by Thomas DiLorenzo

[\[Posted on Monday, January 23, 2006\]](#)

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[IMAGE] Most of the commentary on the ongoing propaganda campaign against Wal-Mart ignores what is probably the most important aspect of it: It is primarily a labor union-inspired campaign against Wal-Mart *employees*, as well as the company in general. This is the essential truth of all union organizing campaigns. Historically, all of the violence, libel, and intimidation that goes along with "organizing campaigns" has been directed at competing, non-union labor, not management. The Wal-Mart campaign is no different.

The propaganda campaign against Wal-Mart is what is known as a "corporate campaign" in the labor union literature. There are very few strikes these days in America; so-called "corporate campaigning" is the new form of organizing. Unions finally wised up to the fact that, while striking may be great fun, with all the name-calling antics, bashing in of car windows (of cars belonging to "scabs"), puncturing of tires, and destruction of company property, it rarely got them anywhere. In fact, if replacement workers are hired during a strike all union employees lose their jobs. Strikes increasingly became an all cost/no benefit proposition, which is why they are so rare these days.

There are several rationales for corporate campaigns. For one, they have been a way of unionizing a workplace without directly involving the employees in cases where unions know they do not have employee support. There have been many instances where unions have lost certification elections by very large margins, telling them that they have no hope of organizing a particular company's employees. Rather than giving up, however, they will frequently initiate a corporate campaign against the company. The idea is to use every means possible to impose costs on the company, forcing it to increase its prices; embarrass the company's management with a campaign of slander; and portray the company in the media as some kind of social outlaw. It is easy for unions to generate such publicity with the assistance of various economically ignorant, capitalist-hating "nonprofit" groups, from clergy to environmentalists. If the company gives up and signs a union contract, all the complaints disappear immediately. One tactic is to issue thousands of complaints about the company to regulators, who must then investigate the complaints, forcing the company to spend huge sums on legal fees. In addition, the union will issue press releases about how many complaints there have been about the company, implying that all the complaints are somehow real and legitimate. This may cost the company some customers if the publicity is bad enough. In the 1990s the corporate campaign against the non-union grocery chain Food Lion caused the organization to shut down dozens of stores. (The company subsequently recovered as consumers discovered for themselves that the union's charges against Food Lion were bogus, but it still cost the company millions).

In Maryland recently, the state legislature — which is totally in the pocket of the state's unions — passed a law forcing Wal-Mart to provide its workers with expensive, governmentally-prescribed health insurance, something that will certainly drive up its costs and make it less competitive compared to unionized stores.

The ultimate goal is to get the company to sign a union contract without ever involving the employees, a process that labor scholars call "pushbutton unionism." So much for the fable of "union democracy."

The United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW), the largest union in the grocery industry, has been at the forefront of many corporate campaigns and is the chief organizer of the campaign against Wal-Mart. It is no secret that Wal-Mart's grocery prices are very much lower than they are in your typical, unionized grocery store chain. The "problem" facing the UFCW is that unionized grocery store chains tend to be much more expensive than non-union grocery chains (and often much dirtier and less consumer-friendly in general). Thus, they have waged long campaigns against such companies as Food Lion in an attempt to drive up grocery prices — all in the "public interest," of course.

As long as there is competition by the superior, non-union grocery stores, the unionized stores cannot compete as well with their bloated costs and their low-quality goods and service. The unionized stores will lose business to their superior, non-union competitors and may even go bankrupt. The union will lose members and, more importantly, dues revenues. Thus, the role of the corporate campaign, if it is successful, is either to unionize the non-union stores so that they will become just as expensive and inefficient as the unionized ones, or at least impose costs on the non-union companies that will achieve essentially the same outcome.

In either case, it is a patently anti-consumer policy that can only harm the employees of the "targeted" company.

Consequently, the whole idea of a corporate campaign is based on a Big Lie: That the union is somehow concerned about the well-being of non-union employees at places like Wal-Mart. In reality, the objective of the union is to force every one of those employees to either join its union (and pay its expensive dues) or become unemployed.

This is true of all corporate campaigns, including the ones against Nike and other companies operating in Indonesia. While the media may portray unions as collections of Mother Teresas, concerned only with the plight of poor Indonesians, the reality is that the real objectives of the unions is to throw every last Indonesian who is employed by Nike out of work, forcing many of them to resort to begging, stealing, prostitution, or worse. That way, competition for higher-priced/lower quality textile goods produced in unionized factories in America will be reduced or eliminated. And the unions pretend to take the moral high ground in this patently immoral crusade.

America's universities are filled with economically ignorant haters of the free market, so university campuses have become major forums for union denunciations of such companies as Nike, Wal-Mart, and others. Faculty and students claim to be concerned about "social justice," but they are simply being used as dupes by unions who are not at all concerned with justice of any sort. Rather, their main concern is increasing the coffers of union treasuries by driving non-union competitors from the market.

The great majority of today's college students may never learn the principles of supply and demand, or understand how many billions of dollars *annually* companies like Wal-Mart save American consumers (including their own families), but they are indoctrinated as freshmen that any "moral" person should hate Wal-Mart, Nike, and other "outlaw" corporations (as defined by the union movement).

[IMAGE] [What's good for the country is freedom: \\$14](#)

Economically ignorant clergy often lend a hand in this union crusade to throw thousands of people out of work,

lending an aura of "God's work" to this immoral and anti-social crusade. And of course there are all the other usual suspects — environmentalists, "consumer activists," trial lawyers, and Wal-Mart's higher-cost competitors — who are happy to be a part of such smear campaigns because it satisfies their own self interests (or fattens their wallets) as well.

So far, millions and millions of Americans have expressed disagreement with the smears against Wal-Mart by the UFCW and its accomplices by shopping there in record numbers. As always, the public has nothing at all to do with such anti-corporate campaigns, which are always the work of small groups of union rabble rousers, intellectuals, and pundits desperate to portray themselves as being "on the side of the people." The danger is if these opinion makers succeed in convincing enough politicians to follow the actions of the Maryland legislature, which is arguably the most economically ignorant group of legislators in America (I speak from experience, having testified several times before committees of these jokers). If this happens then the grocery industry will become less competitive, costing American consumers billions and destroying even more billions of dollars in shareholder wealth along with it.

Thomas DiLorenzo is professor of economics at Loyola College in Maryland and the author of [The Real Lincoln](#) (Three Rivers Press/Random House, 2003). His latest book is [How Capitalism Saved America](#) (Crown Forum/Random House, 2004). tdilo@aol.com. Comment on the [blog](#).

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RE: K Street Complex Purchase Agreement

Dear Distinguished Members of the City Council:

We have completed our examination of the counter-offer that you crafted and approved on December 19, 2005. During the interim between your vote and this correspondence, we have spent considerable time and money attempting to determine whether we can craft a scenario that provides for a successful project, including obtaining the insights of various experts in architecture, engineering, and law.

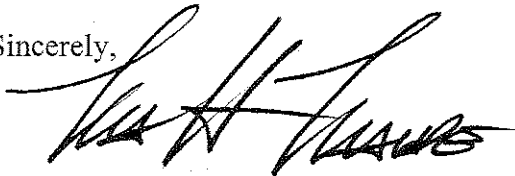
Based upon our analysis of the ten amendments to our Purchase Agreement included in your counter-offer, we have concluded that we would be unsuccessful in implementing our vision for the K Street Complex being redeveloped into viable residential living space. Rather, your counter-offer strongly communicated to us that the long-term vision for the K Street Complex embraced by the City Council, echoed by both the County Board of Commissioners and the Public Building Commission, is for retention of the facility to permit an expanded government footprint to enable further government growth. While disappointing from the redevelopment potential perspective, as well as the Downtown Master Plan, we respect your effort to formulate a long-term vision for the facility.

We must therefore regretfully decline accepting your counter-offer as we are unable to determine a fiscally responsible way to make the project successful. However, if our assessment is not consistent with your intention, we remain open to revisiting the

redevelopment potential for the K Street Complex.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew M. Maude', written in a cursive style.

Matthew M. Maude
Heathrow Development, LLC

Kathryn P. Halperin
Heathrow Development, LLC

cc: Mayor Colleen Seng
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Dallas McGee
Kent Seacrest
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Tammy J Grammer/Notes

01/24/2006 09:41 AM

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Subject Fw: Colburn Water Damage - Jan 23 meeting

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01/24/2006 09:42 AM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Colburn Water Damage - Jan 23 meeting

Good morning. I spoke yesterday at the Council mtg regarding water damage to my home. I was unable to watch the conclusion as I do not have cable, and my neighbor smokes, so I would have problems watching at her home. She did let me know that you had decided to make a decision next week and were going to obtain copies of the claims, estimates, etc. from the City Atty. I did bring copies of these items for my claim yesterday, but no one took them then. I stopped by this morning and dropped them off for you as it made no sense to have someone else re-copy everything. I hope I was in time.

I wanted to let you all know that I appreciated your listening to my point of view and asking thoughtful questions. I had been very frustrated with the government process and your concern made me feel more confident that things are running as they should. This was my first Council meeting and I honestly don't know how you can listen to 5 hrs of different issues and maintain your focus on what is going on. I am currently taking an American Govt class and will definitely have something a little more personal to discuss for this week's "What did you learn?" paper.

Some of your questions dealt with insurance coverage and homeowner risks. These were not asked of me personally and I wanted to let you know that I am a responsible homeowner. I do carry insurance, although it does not cover flooding, as I found out prior to having the drain tile installed in the basement 10 years ago. I also understand that I am responsible for issues occurring on my property or because of something I own. I would be responsible for a pipe on my property flooding my neighbor's yard or my tree taking down their garage, etc. I do my best to keep my property in good repair. This water main break occurred on City property and was City equipment that failed. and I feel that they should be held to the same standards of being a responsible neighbor. Sometimes direct evidence of an event is just not available, so a reasonable conclusion must be reached based on the circumstantial evidence that is available.

As far as my estimate, I did not try to inflate anything and did what I could to prevent damage as soon as I saw the problem. The carpet and walls obviously could not be moved or dried quickly enough to prevent damage. I did get my furniture and electronics moved in time except for the two items I listed. I do need to get these things taken care of ASAP as I have allergies, my daughter has asthma and I do not think breathing in the spores that are floating around is doing anyone any good. As a licensed foster parent, I am subject to inspections of my home and I do not think the State would be happy with mold and mildew in my walls, either.

Again, I would like to thank you for your time. I am confident that you will make a fair decision on my claim and whether you think the estimates are reasonable. I will be at the hearing at 5:30 next Monday in case I am needed, but will have to leave by 6:15 for one of my girls' dance class.

Sincerely,
Laurie Colburn

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To "coleen seng" <mayor@ci.lincoln.ne.us>, "Ken Svoboda" <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>, "Marvin Krout city planning dir" <ckrout@lincolne.gov>

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Subject city council board meeting January 23, 2006

Hello to all,

This letter is about the article in Jan.24, 2006 Journal/Star about the city council meeting report.

I was just appalled at the language Mr Marvin Krout used. Has he no respect for himself or others when in using such language?? If he feels some one is out to get him or taking away from his job. (quote...Just one more way to "____"what I'm doing)...

Maybe he needs to change his position.!!!

Our children read the paper for current events for school...If our city officials can talk like that---so will they.

Please clean up your act.

Thank you , Jeanette Smith

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Subject Re: FW: city council board meeting January 23, 2006

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jeanettepribylsmith@earthlink.net

follow up on Mr Krout e-mail to me Jan 24.2006 10:05:53 PM.

JANUARY 26, 2006

Mr. Krout,

I think you missed the point, you must have the word in your memory bank or you wouldn't have used it at a public meeting for all the world to read.

As for your children, if they would go through the paper for current events(if they are of that age), they might choose that one , and say "that's my Dad" he is in the story....So they don't have to be interested in "City Planning" to have read about your bad choice of words. Besides the "others" that say the word haven't been in the news paper yet.

Sincerely, Jeanette Smith

> [Original Message]

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> Subject: Re: FW: city council board meeting January 23, 2006

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> Dear Ms. Smith: thank you for calling this to my attention, and I apologize

> for the use of that term at the public hearing yesterday. I guess that term just came to me because it's been used by others in discussions with me on many occasions, but that's certainly no excuse. I didn't read the article and didn't realize that I used the term until you brought it to my attention, and then I still had to find the newspaper to remember what term

> I had used. I have children myself, and I am embarrassed that they might have read the article or been told about it by their friends. Luckily for me, my children and their friends do not have the slightest interest in city planning.

> Marvin S. Krout, Director

> Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department

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Subject Lincoln Electric System - PCA

LI-COR greatly appreciated the City Council's review of the issues that were presented at the public hearing on Monday, and your decision to deny the use of a Power Cost Adjustment factor by Lincoln Electric System in its rate calculations. LI-COR wishes to emphasize that it is not objectionable to reasonable rate increases, as we all desire for LES to remain a strong entity. We hope that members of the Lincoln Employers Coalition will be offered the opportunity to interact with the City Council, Mayor's office, and LES to establish stronger ties between business and LES to avoid significant differences as those recently expressed. Working together we can make Lincoln an even better business environment!

Thank you again for your time and efforts spent on this matter!

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City Council Members

JAN 26 2006

CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

Re: M Class salaries

January 26, 2006

Dear Members of the City Council:

On January 25, 2005 a meeting of the M Class employees was held to discuss the status of the salary issues affecting this group. Approximately 70 members of the M Class attended while another 38 individuals sent proxies to this meeting. This represents over 74% of the M Class. The group elected the authors herein as spokespersons.

Obviously this group is concerned about the continuing indecision over what to do about M Class salaries. There is growing anxiety over the failure to resolve these questions. We want to remind the Council, these are problems the M Class didn't cause. The M Class did not bring forward the existing pay plan which was adopted last year nor were we involved in the report submitted by the Mayor's committee last month. Both of those efforts were attempts to propose salary comparability for the M Class. However, since the 1.25% salary increases from last September have still not been implemented, we surmise that neither of these proposals appears satisfactory to the Council. While we have heard no Council explanation about why either plan is unsatisfactory, we have heard the comments of the Mayor's committee explaining why their report represented comparability. The Mayor's committee was made up of a prestigious panel, including representation from LIBA. Their explanation of the report was comprehensive and persuasive. Yet there is still no resolution. We are recommending the Mayor's Committee report as the most prudent to adopt because of the thoroughness of the study, the adherence to the Commission of Industrial Relation guidelines and the fact that it is the most defensible by the City of Lincoln. In light of the Committee's work, retreating back to the original pay plan of seven ranges is no longer feasible. If there are now problems with the Mayor's Committee report, then make adjustments. Whatever those adjustments are, they should have a rational basis with an explanation and not just an arbitrary change of a salary range or different number of steps.

Throughout all of this, the M Class employees have faithfully and professionally continued to do their jobs. This group is proud of the work we do and is sensitive to the impact this issue may have on our relationship with the City and with our community. We are dedicated to our City and the important projects that we're involved in. There are countless examples of M Class employees working all hours of the day or night or weekends or holidays to fulfill our duties to the City and this community, and without complaint.

We would respectfully request several things.

First, implement the 1.25% salary increases retroactive to September 1st of 2005; we request this be done by no later than the end of February, 2006.

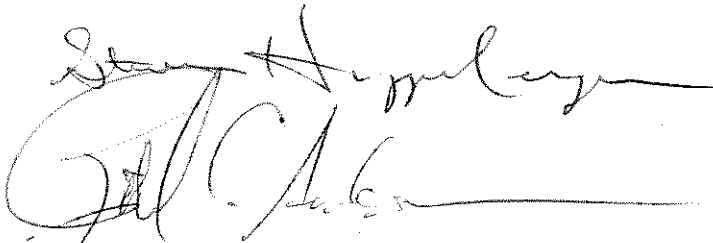
Second, allow the normal merit evaluations and increases to continue under the current plan pending implementation of a more permanent solution; currently, since January 1, 2006, they have been stayed by the Personnel Director. This rewards some and punishes others.

Third, implement the Mayor's Committee report by next fiscal year. If that plan needs to be tweaked for some reason, we would ask that those adjustments be made quickly and that some variation of the plan be submitted to the Personnel Board for their review by April 1 of this year. This would be sound fiscal management and allow the M Class pay plan to be factored into the FY 06/07 budget. If comparability is the requirement that we all have to work with, the Mayor's Committee plan meets that standard.

The M Class values its relationship with the Mayor and City Council. We greatly desire a resolution of these issues without becoming adversarial. If the participation of M Class representatives in any of these actions is desired or would be helpful, we will gladly participate. We look forward to your addressing these issues in a timely and appropriate way. Thank you.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the M Class employees
Steven Huggenberger and Richard Anderson

Two handwritten signatures are present. The top signature is in cursive and appears to read 'Steven Huggenberger'. The bottom signature is also in cursive and appears to read 'Richard Anderson'.

Cc Mayor Seng
Personnel Director Taute

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**ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS' AGENDA
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2006**

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of January 28 through February 3, 2006 -Schedule subject to change - (See Advisory)
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: UNL History Chair To Present Free Program On Lincoln and The Great Plains -(See Release)

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP -

1. Response E-Mail from Jon Camp to Karl Fredrickson, Public Works - RE: N. 48th-Dick Hartsock - (See E-Mail)

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

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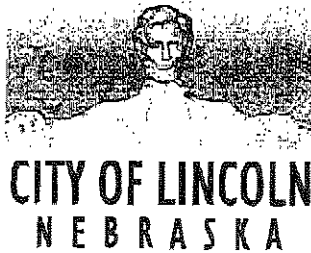
1. Memo from Steve Owen to Dana Roper, City Attorney -RE: Claim - Laurie Colburn & Margaret Wehr: Follow-up to Council Meeting -(Council received this Memo in their Thursday packets on 1/26/06) (See Memo)
2. Response E-Mail from Karl Fredrickson to Jon Camp - RE: N. 48th - Dick Hartsock -(See E-Mail)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Fax Release from Lincoln Airport Authority - RE: Allegiant Airline's Inaugural Flight-Lincoln, NE - Press Conference Feb. 1st at 11:30 a.m. in the Airport Terminal Building - (See Release)

2. Letter from Nancy Russell - RE: LES request for a surcharge - (See Letter)
3. Letter from Dick H. Hartsock - RE: Owner of Arena Skate World at 300 N. 48th Street which abuts the proposed "O" & 48th Street development and street project - (See Letter)
4. E-Mail from Michael Carlin, Friends of Wilderness Park - RE: In regards to a parcel of land that is for sale immediately south of Wilderness Park in the hopes that it can be acquired by the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County and/or the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District -(See E-Mail)
5. E-Mail from Joanne K. Smith - RE: Long Range Transportation Plan comments - (See E-Mail)

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NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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Date: January 27, 2006

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of January 28 through February 3, 2006 *Schedule subject to change*

Tuesday, January 31

- Governor's Arts Awards - noon, Cornhusker Marriott, Grand Ballroom, 333 South 13th Street

Thursday, February 2

- News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced
- Hate Crimes Task Force - 4 p.m., County-City Building, room 206, 555 South 10th Street
- YMCA annual meeting - 5 p.m., Embassy Suites, 333 South 13th Street
- City Public Works and Utilities Department open house on storm drainage improvement project - 6 p.m., Cathedral of the Risen Christ, 3245 South 37th Street

Friday, February 3

- International visitor from Thailand - 10 a.m., Mayor's Office, 555 South 10th Street
- Madonna ProActive grand opening and ribbon-cutting - 3 p.m., 7111 Stephanie Lane (55th and Pine Lake Road)
- Retirement reception for Assistant Police Chief John Becker - 5 p.m., Windsor Stables, 1024 "L" Street



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 30, 2006**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831**UNL HISTORY CHAIR TO PRESENT FREE
PROGRAM ON LINCOLN AND THE GREAT PLAINS**

In connection with the City's annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration, Professor Ken Winkle, Chair of the UNL History Department, will present a program on Lincoln at **noon Friday, February 3 in the Steinhart Room at the Lied Center, 301 North 12th**. His topic is **"The Great Body of the Republic: Abraham Lincoln and the Great Plains."** The program is free, and those attending are invited to bring lunch.

The program is made possible by the Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) as part of the NHC Speakers Bureau. For information on available speakers, visit www.nebraskahumanities.org or call the NHC at 474-2131.

The sixth annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration is from noon to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, February 12. The celebration is free to the public and will take place again at North Star High School, 5801 North 33rd Street. For the first time, the celebration will include a recreation of a Lincoln-Douglas debate beginning at 2:30 p.m. The celebration is produced by the City of Lincoln and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Convention and Visitors Bureau with support from the NHC. For more information on the Celebration, visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov.

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Subject Re: N 48th--Dick Hartsock

Karl:

Thanks for your response. I do not fully understand the plans and desires of various property owners nor the alternatives for 48th Street ingress/egress and locations. Dick also raised questions on whether easements were being requested, cost for a light at 48th Street.

Jon

Jon Camp

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Sent: Sat, 28 Jan 2006 08:14:58 -0600
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N 48th--Dick Hartsock

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Memorandum

To: Dana Roper
CC: Leroy Meints, Lonnie Rech, Roger Krull, James Faimon, Jerry Obrist, Steve Masters, City Council Members
From: Steve Owen 
Date: January 26, 2006
Re: Claim – Laurie Colburn & Margaret Wehr:
Follow-up to Council Meeting

The following is to clarify information that was presented at the City Council meeting held on January 23, 2006, regarding the above claims.

- All parties agree that the referenced damage did not occur from surface water traveling across the ground from the water main break to the homes. Neither City staff nor either claimant observed this condition. Ms. Colburn contends water entered her home as a result of elevated ground water levels caused from the water main break approximately 300 feet away. Ms. Wehr did not provide a clear explanation of how water may have entered her home.
- Ms. Wehr's home is a slab on grade without a basement. For water to enter the home in the manner described above, the area surrounding the home should have also been wet and saturated since ground water would have been at the surface of the ground or above to enter the home. This condition was not observed or reported by either party.
- Ms. Wehr provided no information on how water entered the home in order to refute the City's service technician's observation that water seemed to have originated from the disconnected washing machine discharge hose which Ms. Wehr also confirmed did exist.
- Ms. Wehr's property is owned by another entity and if a settlement is offered, reimbursement of damages should only reflect items owned by the claimant rather than damaged property owned by others.
- Ms. Colburn contends that water from the main break traveled to her property underground and entered through her drain tile system. In the unlikely event that this condition did occur, the drain system and sump pump should have protected the basement area from water if operating properly. Pictures obtained during the City's first visit on October 13th provide evidence that water did not originate from the sump pump. The same photograph shows water around a water softener and what appears to be a water softener discharge hose. This may have been a source of the water in the basement.
- Upon further discussion with the repair crew that worked the water main break, they report the soil in the area of the break was "hard" and only wet in the immediate area of the break. This observation would be consistent with the City's position that water did not saturate the soil and travel a large distance out from the break as described by Ms. Colburn. It would also be consistent with the City's position that it was unlikely that the water main was leaking for a long period of time. While the water main has a history of breaks and may likely be replaced in the future, there is no evidence that it has ongoing leaks.
- As presented in the Council meeting, a number of homes on the west side of South 42nd have basements. If some "back" pressure condition, ground water "mounding" condition or cross connection to the sanitary sewer existed, it would be expected that more widespread damage would have been reported from these properties especially those closer to the water main break.

If you have further questions regarding this supplemental information please contact me.

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January 30, 2006

For Immediate Release

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ALLEGiant AIRLINE'S INAUGURAL FLIGHT

Lincoln, NE – The Lincoln Airport Authority is announcing a Press Conference to be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2006, at 11:30 a.m. in the Airport Terminal Building, First Floor.

The purpose of the Press Conference is the inaugural flight of Allegiant Air's low fare, non-stop service to Las Vegas.

Allegiant Air representatives will be on hand, as well as a Las Vegas showgirl and an Elvis impersonator, to welcome Lincoln's first Las Vegas passengers on the inaugural flight.

There will be a ribbon cutting and other activities.

Dear City Council.

Regarding LES request for a surcharge on electricity, please realize surcharges, taxes + fees place the biggest burden on those least able to afford it. The reason being that one can't lower their bill by lowering usage. This defeats conservation as well.

Please increase the KWH according to the actual increase experienced by LES, being as frugal as possible, then people can have some control over their usage + bills.

Enclosed find a sample of utility bills and their fees + taxes.

Best wishes
Nancy Russell

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Water	10.23		7.03
Sewer	24.10		4.49
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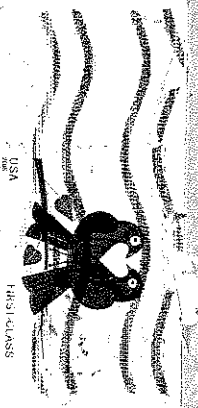
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January 27, 2006

Mayor Collen Seng
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Ken Svoboda, Chairman of the Lincoln City Council
City Council Office
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Dear Mayor Seng and Members of the Lincoln City Council,

My family and I are the owners of Arena Skate World at 300 North 48th Street which abuts the proposed O and 48th Street development and street project.

I am very impressed and approve of your new "O" Street and 48th Street improvements as two projects that were long overdue and will greatly improve the area.

My drive is directly across from the Target and Super Saver grocery store driveway with no median between us. The initial re-design of 48th Street showed a reconstruction of ours and the Target/Super Saver drives in the same location. The city engineers then decided to re-locate our drive to the south, but still on my property, and be directly across from the new entrance to Target/Super Saver with a 4-way traffic light at that point. The reason given for moving the drives was so the south-bound left turn lane would be longer. But, the main concern was to make much better turn into the redevelopment area on the north east corner of 48th and "O" Street. This was acceptable with me and, although the damage to my property was more, I agreed to accept the damages. They then stated I was going to have to give the city a small pad into my drive which I also agreed to do. They said also that I would have to pay for part of the traffic light, although Target and Super Saver did not have to "kick in" their share as well. In addition, they said I would have to dedicate a 40' (later reduced to 24') cross-access easement on my land north to Mary Manor day care, which incidentally would run directly into the south wall of Mary Manor. I stated I would not pay for a part of the traffic light if Target and Super Saver did not have to, and I wouldn't give a cross access easement in front of my property. The city engineers then said they would therefore relocate the drive for Target and Super Saver, but cut off my drive at that location and have a u-turn to get back to my existing drive to the north.

What this all boils down to is the following:

I had a drive across from Target and Super Saver going north and south and east and west on 48th Street.

The city moved this drive to my south property line to be still across the street from the new Target/Super Saver drive, but didn't give me access to it because I wouldn't pay for the light or give a cross-access easement back to the north.


The city is now going to condemn my north drive for a construction easement and pay me damages for a drive which I don't want and deny me access to the drive to the south which I do want. A drive which will be much safer at the same cost, be more logical traffic-wise, and more beneficial to all the property owners on both sides of 48th Street.

I was agreeable to accepting the south drive and none of the condemnations would have been necessary and everyone would be happier. In addition, the city would be getting a better and safer design.

I would certainly hope that you on the City Council would review the city street development decision which is completely unsatisfactory to all the landowners on the east side of 48th Street, uneconomical, unwise, and considerably more dangerous than if they moved the entire 4-way intersection to the south instead of denying the east side property owners access to the property light.

I would appreciate any consideration and action you may give to this project as it currently stands.

Respectfully Yours,



Dick H. Hartsock
Former Chairman and Member of the
Lincoln City Council

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Subject Fw: WILDERNESS PARK LETTER

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Subject WILDERNESS PARK LETTER

A hard copy of the attached letter was sent to the addressees, this is the electronic version for the CCs.

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January 23, 2006

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Lincoln, NE 68502

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Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Lancaster County Commissioners
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Board of Directors, Lower Platte South Natural Resource District
3125 Portia Street
Lincoln, NE 68521

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing in regards to a parcel of land that is for sale immediately south of Wilderness Park in the hopes that it can be acquired by the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County and/or the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District (LPSNRD). Though any one or combination of the three entities can acquire the land, a cooperative agreement between the three would appear to be the best alternative, and in fact, is spelled out as a strategy specific to this issue on page F-139 of the Comprehensive Plan: *"Formalize cooperative agreements between the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County and the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District regarding planning, acquisition and management of open space and greenway areas."*

The acquisition of this land is specifically called for on page F-60 of the Comprehensive Plan, where under the heading of "Greenways and Open Space: Salt Creek South/Wilderness Park" it states: *"Pursue the acquisition of additional greenway south from Saltillo Road along Salt Creek."* The concept that the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County and the LPSNRD would work together through a cooperative agreement is of course not new. The precedent set through past successful cooperative agreements and the fact that the land is for sale NOW have set the stage for a successful acquisition in the pursuit of achieving the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

The parcel in question is completely in the floodplain and appears to fall under the New Growth Area flood standards. The South Beltway right-of-way will pass through the southern portion of the parcel and will eventually form its southern boundary. Additional details include:

Parcel #:	15-06-100-002-00; 38 of the 61.43 acres are for sale
Zoned:	SGBA, Suburban Farm in Greenbelt
Land Use Plan:	Greenspace
Owner:	Willie Verbeek
Listed:	Ron Perry, Star City Realty (430-6864/327-2691)

Asking price: \$25,960 per acre
Considering the limited land use options available, the asking price appears high, so negotiating a more reasonable price should be achievable. I ask that your respective organizations work together to achieve the objectives of the Comprehensive Plan and to take advantage of the opportunity that this sale offering presents for preserving greenspace and floodplain.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Parcel map

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Subject Fw: Long Range Transportation Plan comments

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Subject Long Range Transportation Plan comments

You will find below my comments that I am forwarding to the Lincoln Public Works & Utilities, Engineering Services Department regarding the Long Range Transportation Plan 2030 Update. I am also sending them to Mayor Seng. Thank you,

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I recently attended an open house regarding the Long Range Transportation Plan and I have serious concerns regarding traffic flow in the central part of Lincoln, particularly north-south traffic south of O Street. There is no north-south 4-lane street that travels completely through the south side of the city between 9th/10th Streets and 70th Street. Consequently, 27th, 40th, 48th and 56th Streets have bottleneck areas that create time delays and driver frustration. (These bottlenecks have been further compounded with the recently-enacted ordinance that prohibits driving in a turn lane for more than $\frac{1}{2}$ block. Sometimes these bottlenecks are blocks long so now you must sit and wait to get close enough to the intersection to move into the turn lane.)

Regarding the recent bond issue that was voted down, I have never voted against a street bond issue before, but I couldn't bring myself to vote for it this time. Except for the 42nd to 52nd on O Street project, the only project that was not on the outskirts of the city was to add a turn lane on 56th Street between Randolph and South Streets. South 27th Street from South Street to Highway 2 is a perfect example of why a turn lane won't help (just travel south on 27th Street from Sumner Street about 5:00 pm to see traffic backed up for blocks.) The problem isn't turning traffic, it's too much traffic for two lanes to handle.

I liked the 56th Street/Cotner Boulevard/P Street project from the moment I heard about it, and I believe it has proved itself to relieve traffic in that area. Unfortunately, it has created an even bigger problem for 56th Street south of Randolph where three southbound lanes of traffic must narrow to one lane. Very few cars turn left and a few turn right, but most continue traveling south on 56th Street, which creates a bottleneck at Randolph,

through A Street and South Street where the street widens again. Northbound 56th Street bottlenecks at Normal Boulevard where two lanes narrow to one, continues through three traffic signals at South Street, A Street, and Randolph/Cotner Boulevard.

Likewise, 27th Street south of South Street narrows southbound to one lane at South Street, causing a bottleneck from there through Sheridan Boulevard, VanDorn Street, and Woods Boulevard to Highway 2 where the intersection approach has already been widened. Northbound, it bottlenecks at Highway 2 because it narrows immediately past the intersection, through Woods Boulevard, VanDorn Street and Sheridan Boulevard to South Street where the intersection is widened.

We must widen 27th Street from South Street to Highway 2, and 56th Street from Randolph/Cotner Boulevard to South Street/Normal Boulevard to at least four lanes and much preferably, five lanes including a turn lane. This will not only relieve the traffic on these two streets, but I believe it would allow some of the traffic on 40th and 48th Streets to move over to the wider streets. 27th Street is already four or five lanes to the city limits in both directions except for this section, and the Cotner Boulevard/P Street area provides, in effect, two lanes of northbound traffic north of O Street for 56th Street.

If you want the entire city to support roads projects, particularly with bond issues, they must provide relief for all areas of the city, not just the outskirts. It's time for the Country Club and Piedmont area residents to give up some of their street frontage for the good of the city like other Lincoln residents have already done. Yes, it may cause a few to lose access to their driveways, but it's already happened to at least two homes on Vine Street (56th & 66th Streets), That's the price of living on an arterial.